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In regard to the application of: Amir LOSHAKOVE, et al.

Serial No : 10/668,059

Group Art Unit: 3731

Filed : September 22, 2003

Examiner: Unknown

For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING APERTURES IN BLOOD  
VESSELS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to art cited with respect to U.S. application No. 10/668,059 which is a continuation under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) of PCT Application No. PCT/IL02/00215. The present application is also a Continuation-In-Part (CIP) under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) of U.S. Application No. 10/459,373, U.S. Application No. 10/402,375, U.S. Application No. 10/459,407, U.S. Application No. 10/239,387, U.S. Application No. 10/239,364, U.S. Application No. 10/239,365, U.S. Application No. 10/221,982, U.S. Application No. 10/149,364, U.S. Application No. 09/936,805, U.S. Application No. 09/936,806, U.S. Application No. 09/701,531, and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/254,689.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06, and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached are copies<sup>1</sup> of the art. This art contains information which the examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

Copies of items 1-16, 18-135, 137-144, 146-148, 150, 152-154, 156-159, 161-165, 169-171, 176-187, 189-196, 198-201, 206 and 213-215 are not attached as they are available in parent file U.S. Application No. 09/701,531 filed on November 28, 2000. Copies of items 136, 145, 149, 151, 155, 160, 166-168, 174, 175, 188, 197, 202-205 and 216-220 are not attached as they are available in parent file U.S. Application No. 09/936,806 filed on September 17, 2001. Copy of item 229 is not attached as it is available in parent file U.S. Application No. 09/936,805 filed on September 17, 2001. Copies of items 221-228, 230 and 231 are not attached as they are available in parent file U.S. Application No. 10/149,364 filed on June 7, 2002. Copies of items 172, 173 and 232 are not attached as they are available in parent file U.S. Application No. 10/239,364 filed on May 15, 2003. Copies of items 207-211 and 233-235 are not attached as they are available in parent file U.S. Application No. 10/459,407 filed on November 6, 2003. Copy of item 212 is not attached as it is available in parent file U.S. Application No. 10/459,373 filed on November 6, 2003.

European patent EP 0 916 314 (item 17) is in a foreign language. Applicants attach a copy of an English language abstract to its respective references.

Although IT Publication No. 1215699 (item 20) is in a foreign language, the US equivalent is not known to the applicants and is therefore not provided.

In accordance with MPEP Section 609 it is requested that each document cited (including any mentioned in Applicants' specification which is not repeated on the attached PTO-1449 form or equivalent) be given thorough consideration and be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on the PTO-1449 form or its equivalent, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application,

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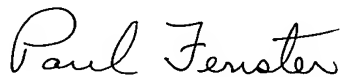
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even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 as an Examiner might consider any cited document important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(a), and in the course of such search will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amir LOSHAKOVE et al.

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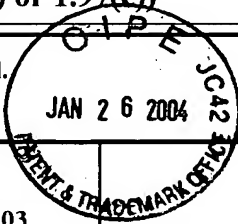
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**37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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**37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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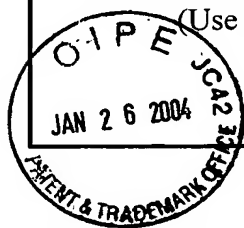
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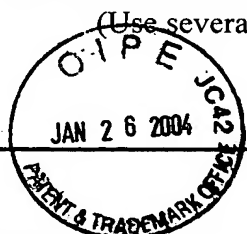
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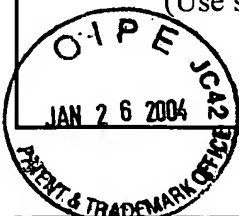
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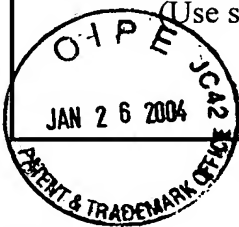
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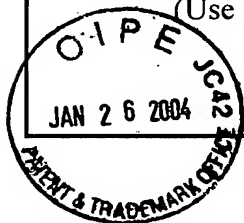
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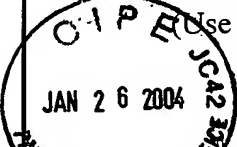
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